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- Bank of America customers are being targeted by a new phishing scam via text message expressing that their accounts have been placed on hold pending their submission of personal information to an automated message system. WFTX 4 Fort Lauderdale/Naples (See item 7)
- A tractor carrying 30 tons of monoammonium phosphate overturned on the interstate spilling 10 tons near a waterway. *Helena Independent Record* (See item <u>13</u>)
- The Page City Council declared its first state of emergency since incorporation in response to the Highway 89 road collapse. *Arizona Daily Sun* (See item 14)
- Seventeen corrections officers from a Texas prison were charged after a four-year investigation at turned up a prison smuggling ring. *Associated Press* (See item <u>32</u>)
- One hundred residents and multiple businesses remain displaced and on alert as officials search for the cause of a gas leak which led to a fire and 4 injuries. Newark Star Ledger (See item 44)

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Energy Sector

1. February 27, Associated Press – (Maryland) Md. Commission orders power utilities to improve. The Maryland Public Service Commission ordered all electric utility companies in Maryland to enhance and upgrade their current distribution systems in order to be prepared for potential storms similar to the 2011 derecho storm where close to 1 million homes lost power. The companies are also required by May 31 to file their plan to improve the areas of communications, staffing levels and strategies to address the needs of those requiring medical assistance.

Source: http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2013-02-27/md-dot-commission-orders-power-utilities-to-improve

- February 27, Associated Press (Alaska) Shell suspends drilling in Arctic Ocean.
 Drilling in the Arctic Ocean was put on hold by Royal Dutch Shell for 2013 in order to prepare their equipment for a safer and more cautious way of drilling.

 Source: http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2013/02/27/shell-arctic-ocean-drilling/1951747/
- 3. February 27, Houston Business Journal (Louisiana) Swift Energy works to contain shut-in well after collision. Containment crews with Swift Energy Co. worked to control a shut-in well that collided with a marine vessel at Lake Washington field in Plaquemines Parish. The leakage was mostly made up of water with only small traces of oil; officials are still investigating the incident.

 Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2013/02/27/swift-works-to-contain-shut-in-well.html
- 4. *February 26*, *WJW 8 Cleveland* (Ohio) **1 killed, 1 injured at drilling operation.** An accident at a gas and oil drilling site operated by Rex Energy left one worker hospitalized with injuries and another dead while they were working atop a drill pad. Source: http://fox8.com/2013/02/26/1-killed-1-injured-at-drilling-operation/

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. February 27, Associated Press – (Washington) Washington governor: Hanford Reservation may be leaking 1000 gallons of nuclear waste per year. Federal government and Washington State officials are evaluating procedures to remove about 1,000 gallons of nuclear waste that may be leaking from aging storage tanks at Hanford Nuclear Reservation. There is no immediate threat to public safety according to federal

officials.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/27/washington-governor-hanford-reservation n 2776825.html

6. February 27, Tampa Bay Times – (Florida) Crystal River nuclear plant had flaw in safety procedures for over a decade. A U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission report stated that the Crystal River Nuclear Plant had a significant error in safety procedures for more than a decade, which could preclude a timely evacuation notice in the event of a radiation leak. The plant, offline since 2009, is undergoing retirement. Source: http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/energy/crystal-river-nuclear-plant-had-flaw-in-its-safety-procedures-for-more/1276841

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. February 27, WFTX 4 Fort Lauderdale/Naples – (Florida) Text message scam targeting Bank of America customers. A new phishing scam alerts Bank of America users by text that their account has been put on hold and gives them a number to call. The phone number leads to an automated message system which prompts the accountholder to enter personal information, card number, social security number and other personal identifiable information.

Source: http://www.fox4now.com/news/local/193728071.html

- 8. February 27, Associated Press (North Carolina) Ex-NC businessman faces prison for Ponzi scheme. A former Asheville businessman must forfeit 12 properties and money from five bank accounts as part of a deal with Federal prosecutors for his role in a Ponzi scheme which cheated investors out of \$13 million dollars over the course of a decade. He was sentenced to 32 years in Federal prison.
 - Source: http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/02/27/2711713/ex-nc-businessman-faces-prison.html
- 9. February 27, St. Paul Pioneer Press (Minnesota) 2 Minneapolis women sentenced

for life insurance fraud that netted more than \$1M. A former policy and plan service coordinator at an insurance company fraudulently cashed in life insurance policies for clients and split money with another woman. In total, both women were ordered to pay \$2.7 million in restitution and each sentenced to more than 24 months in prison.

Source: http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_22684037/2-minneapolis-women-sentenced-life-insurance-fraud-that

- 10. *February 27, Associated Press* (Michigan, Maryland) **Gospel scion gets nearly 14 years in prison.** A family member of a popular gospel music group attracted more than 1,000 investors in an \$8 million financial scam tied to bogus Saudi Arabian oil bonds. The judge sentenced the man to nearly 14 years in federal prison. Source: http://www.necn.com/02/27/13/Winans-scion-gets-nearly-14-years-in-pri/landing_nation.html?&apID=4320dc0bc6c2489daf497287908d7722
- 11. February 26, Duluth Northland News Center (Minnesota) New scam targets personal or banking information. Minnesota's Department of Revenue is warning citizens of a scam in which taxpayers receive calls by a group claiming to be Minnesota Revenue representatives. The taxpayer is offered a larger refund if provided with additional personal information.

Source: http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/New-Scam-Targets-Personal-or-Banking-Information-193570741.html

12. February 26, Quincy Patriot Ledger – (Massachusetts) Hingham police warn of scam that targeted chief. A Nigeria based money scam targeted a police chief using both email and seemingly reputable United Parcel Service packages. The packages which include prize checks from a legitimate business whose banking account information was hijacked, asks for a small fee; where the scam makes its money. Source: http://www.patriotledger.com/topstories/x1433788533/Hingham-police-warn-of-scam-that-targeted-chief

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Transportation Sector

13. February 28, Helena Independent Record – (Montana) Overturned semi spills 30 tons of fertilizer, detours on I-15. A tractor trailer carrying monoammonium phosphate overturned spilling 10 tons on Interstate-15. Motorists were forced to exit from the highway to allow for cleanup, although there was no threat to the environment or waterways.

Source: http://helenair.com/news/local/overturned-semi-spills-tons-of-fertilizer-detours-on-i/article_6ece1f10-816a-11e2-96e0-0019bb2963f4.html

14. *February 28, Arizona Daily Sun* – (Arizona) **Page declares first state of emergency.** The Page City Council declared state of emergency two weeks after a section of Highway 89 was damaged. A reopening date for the economically vital highway that

links Page to the State has not been planned, in the meantime leaving a 45-mile detour as the primary alternative.

Source: http://azdailysun.com/news/local/page-declares-first-state-of-emergency/article_f5e40b7a-77d8-54a2-b521-5331e7ffb10e.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

- 15. February 28, Associated Press (Michigan) Employee accused of stealing \$6 million from grocery store, guilty plea expected. A man who handled the finances for Village Market Food Centers, a southwestern Michigan grocery store chain, is expected to plead guilty in federal court to stealing more than \$6 million, which he admitted to using to purchase or lease more than 50 automobiles and paying off his debt. Source: http://www.freep.com/article/20130228/NEWS06/130228005/Police-Employee-stole-6-million-from-grocery-store-spent-it-on-vintage-cars?odyssey=nav%7Chead
- 16. *February 28, KNXV 15 Phoenix* (Arizona) **Authorities investigate fire at MJ Minimart in Phoenix.** Investigators are trying to determine what cause a minimart in Phoenix to burn down February 27. The roof collapsed shortly after the firefighters exited the structure and a man located outside the building, was treated for minor injuries.

Source: http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_phoenix_metro/north_phoenix/crews-at-scene-of-phoenix-grocery-store-fire

17. February 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Zachary Confections, Inc. announces recall of Zachary Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Eggs due to possible contamination and possible health risk. Zachary Confections, Inc. issued a voluntary recall of their Zachary Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Eggs due to possible contamination with Salmonella. The product comes in five ounce white crates with green, purple, and yellow lettering.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm341576.htm

18. February 27, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service – (National) New Jersey firm recalls chicken sausage product that may contain foreign materials. Schmalz's European Provisions, of Springfield, New Jersey, recalled 8,424 pounds of Applegate Organics Chicken and Apple Sausage, sold in 12 ounce vacuum packages, which potentially contain small pieces of plastic.

Source:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_018_2013_Release/index.asp

- 19. February 27, Kenai Peninsula Clarion (Alaska) Health department identifies Peninsula Dairy source of outbreak. A dairy farm in Kasilof on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula was identified by State health officials as the source of the campylobacter outbreak which sickened at least 21 people who contacted or consumed raw milk. Source: http://peninsulaclarion.com/news/2013-02-27/health-department-identifies-peninsula-dairy-source-of-outbreak
- 20. *February* 27, *KDLT* 46 *Sioux Falls* (South Dakota) **13 cattle dead, 1 missing in accident.** A semi-truck and trailer veered off Interstate 90 near Sioux Falls and into a ditch, freeing 25 of the 75 cattle being transported. Thirteen of the cattle died, and one remained missing as authorities continued to investigate. Source:

http://www.kdlt.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24667&Itemid=57

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Water Sector

21. February 27, West Seattle Blog – (Washington) Follow-up: Harbor West sewage leak fixed; 30,000 gallons estimated. A February 24 sewage spillage at a condo built over water is estimated to have leaked 30,000 gallons of sewage over a nine-day period. The sewage spill has caused the Cormorant Cove beach to be closed due to high bacteria levels in the water.

 ${\bf Source: } \underline{http://westseattleblog.com/2013/02/followup-harbor-west-sewage-leak-fixed-\underline{30000-gallons-estimated}}$

22. *February* 27, *MLive.com* – (Michigan) 3,800 gallons of raw sewage overflowed in Napoleon Township, faulty lift station. A faulty pump at a lift station was the reported cause of a February 26 overflow of 3,800 gallons of sewage on the ground nearby. The spill was cleaned up in about two hours. Source:

 $\underline{http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2013/02/3800_gallons_of_raw_sewage_ove.html$

23. February 27, KBBI 890AM Homer – (Alaska) Costs from damage sewer plant could top \$100,000. A mid-January storm caused substantial damage to some area properties and the city sewage plant with damage to the sewer system estimated to go over \$100,000.

Source: http://www.kbbi.org/content/costs-damaged-sewer-plant-could-top-100000

24. *February 28, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **100,000-plus gallons of wastewater spills in Thomasville.** Spills February 25 and February 27 in the City of Thomasville added up to more than 100,000 gallons of rainwater and wastewater. More than 10,000 gallons of wastewater reached surface waters in more than one creek as a result of ruptured pipes and debris blocking a line.

Source: http://www.news-record.com/news/824371-91/100000-plus-gallons-of-wastewater-spills#continue

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. February 27, Albany Times Union – (New York) File search sparks probe. A November 2011 complaint led to an investigation of a nursing supervisor at the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department that breached the private medical records of correction officers at Samaritan Hospital. Authorities are still investigating the incident and will notify workers affected by the unauthorized access the week of February 25. Source: http://www.timesunion.com/default/article/File-search-sparks-probe-4314871.php

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Government Facilities Sector

26. February 28, Associated Press – (Massachusetts) Mass. school guard faces chemical charges. A Waltham High School security guard was arrested when police discovered he stole chemicals from the school that could potentially be used in a homemade bomb. Authorities also found weapons in his car after uncovering his intention of throwing the chemicals into a fire.

Source: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2013/02/28/mass-school-guard-faces-chemical-charges/e6aaDyMjQceZIKHtSLPjXO/story.html

- 27. February 27, WFAA 8 Dallas (Texas) FBI asked to help investigate threats at Highland Park High School. After a box of .22 caliber shells was found in a bathroom at Highland Park High School, the University Park Police requested assistance from the FBI in solving a series of threats at the school. For the second straight day classes were dismissed after school officials discovered the shells.
 - Source: http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/dallas/shells-found-highland-park-high-school-lock-down-193587031.html
- 28. February 27, KSTP 5 St. Paul (Minnesota) 1 killed, 1 critically injured in crash with school bus. A car collided with a Southland Public Schools bus leaving one person dead and another in critical condition. The school bus driver and children had minor injuries.

Source: http://kstp.com/news/stories/s2946144.shtml

29. February 27, KUSA 9 Denver – (Colorado) Police: Juveniles stole guns found at Standley Lake High School. Five students from Standley Lake High School were charged after several weapons on were found hidden on school grounds that were stolen from a home located behind the school.

Source: http://www.9news.com/news/article/319919/339/Police-Juveniles-stole-guns-found-at-school?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Cbc%7Clarge

30. February 27, News- Gazette – (Illinois) Water leak brought no permanent damage to UI building. Preliminary findings from an early-January leak of a chilled-water line, which caused 4 million gallons of water to pool in a \$71 million dollar University of Illinois school building under construction, indicated no damage to the building's foundation. The costs of repairing the leak as well as the official cause of the spill have yet to be determined.

Source: http://www.news-gazette.com/news/politics-and-government/2013-02-27/water-leak-brought-no-permanent-damage-ui-building.html

31. February 27, Rock Hill Herald – (South Carolina) Radiation could skyrocket at SRS if door opened to commercial waste, report says. A federal weapons complex located at the Savannah River Site Nuclear Plant could potentially become a disposal ground for commercial nuclear waste, which may cause radiation levels within the area to rise.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/02/27/4653995/radiation-could-skyrocket-at-srs.html$

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Emergency Services Sector

32. February 28, Associated Press – (Texas) 17 former prison guards among 32 charged in Texas. A four-year investigation at a Beeville prison unit turned up 17 corrections officers charged with aiding and abetting a prison smuggling ring. The prison guards were selling cellphones and drugs to the inmates as well as trying to sell stolen cars to Mexican cartel members.

Source: http://www.theeagle.com/news/texas/article_79abd954-cdc3-56d6-a785-3772ea9f72fe.html

33. February 27, Associated Press – (Colorado) Report notes concerns with emergency alert systems used during Waldo Canyon Fire. A report issued by El Paso Counties E911 Authority, written by the former Colorado Public Utilities Commission chief engineer cited two faults in the State's emergency alert system during the Waldo Canyon Fire. The report notes one system was not ready to be implemented prior to the fire and a second system is bound by the number of circuits connecting it to the telephone network.

Source:

http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/99bf25d4fbe448d7a6293907009cb955/CO-Wildfire-Notifications

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Information Technology Sector

- 34. *February* 28, *Softpedia* (International) **BT Yahoo phishing scam: Final warning.** A falsified email prompting BT Yahoo! And Yahoo! users to verify their log in information on a bogus homepage, is being distributed by cybercriminals whose aim is to take the information and redistribute it for monetary benefits.

 Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/BT-Yahoo-Phishing-Scam-Final-Warning-333137.shtml
- 35. February 28, Softpedia (International) Oracle confirms Java 7 Update 15 vulnerability, but researchers are still unhappy. Researchers urged Oracle to reevaluate their submissions of weaknesses in the Java 7 Update 15 after the company acknowledged only one of the two vulnerabilities discovered regarding a full sandbox bypass is a concern, and simply determined the second vulnerability to be accepted behavior of the update.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Oracle-Confirms-Java-7-Update-15-Vulnerability-But-Researchers-Are-Still-Unhappy-333188.shtml

- 36. February 28, Softpedia (International) Fake Adobe Flash Player Web sites distribute Ransomlock Ransomware. Experts discovered two vulnerabilities in Adobe Flash Player that prompts users to pay a fine in order to have their computer screens unlocked. Users are guided through a malicious domain to download one of two corrupted files that when installed, infect the computer with malicious elements. Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Adobe-Flash-Player-Websites-Distribute-Ransomlock-Ransomware-333127.shtml
- 37. February 28, Softpedia (International) Anonymous publishes 14 GB of information related to Bank of America, others. Bank of America confirmed data leaked by the hacktivist group Anonymous came from a third-party company and that their systems were not breached. The group unloaded 14 GB of data allegedly related to several different companies in response to a warning they made prior regarding a Bank of America endeavor on monitoring the Internet.

 Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Anonymous-Publishes-14-GB-of-Information-Related-to-Bank-of-America-Others-333220.shtml
- 38. *February 27, IDG News Service* (International) **Facebook to fix bug leaking users' phone numbers.** Facebook is releasing a patch regarding an incident reported in June 2012 of a bug that releases users' phone numbers to app developers.

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9237204/Facebook to fix bug leaking users 39 phone numbers?source=rss security&utm source=feedburner&utm medium=fee d&utm campaign=Feed%3A+computerworld%2Fs%2Ffeed%2Ftopic%2F17+%28Computerworld+Security+News%29

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: http://www.us-cert.gov

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: https://www.it-isac.org

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Communications Sector

- 39. February 27, Reuters (National) US FCC wants incentives to adopt Next Generation 911. A February 27 Federal Communications Commission report detailed ways to improve the current 911 emergency system including recommending relying on internet technologies which would establish better and stronger connections with call centers instead of phone connections. One proposal recommended an incentive program for states to be early adopters for The Next Generation 911, a system which would gather emergency information through photos, videos, texts, and other means. Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/27/us-usa-fcc-idUSBRE9101DJ20130227
- 40. *February 27, TV Technology* (National) **FCC opens Google white-space database for public trial.** The Federal Communications Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology will commence a 45-day public trial of Google's TV-band database system. Trial participants will test a system in which unlicensed devices are used to identify unoccupied TV channels in the television broadcast frequency band. Source: http://www.tvtechnology.com/news/0086/fcc-opens-google-white-space-database-for-public-trial/218001
- 41. February 27, Harlan Daily Enterprise (Kentucky) Internet outage hits schools, businesses. An Internet and phone outage in Harlan County, Kentucky is believed to be the result of a fiber optic cable break. Multiple schools, businesses, a hospital and 4,000 Harlan Community Television customers were affected by the incident.

 Source: http://www.harlandaily.com/view/full_story/21835754/article-Internet-outage-hits-schools--businesses
- 42. February 27, KAKE 10 Wichita (Kansas) Storm knocks out cell service in Norwich. A February 24 blizzard caused nearly the entire town of Norwich, Kansas, to lose cellular service for two days. The storm, which knocked out part of the town's cellular infrastructure, affected both AT&T and T-Mobile customers.

 Source: http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Storm-Knocks-Out-911-Cell-Service-In-Norwich-Area-193652771.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

- 43. February 28, WNCT 9 Greenville— (North Carolina) Marine charged with Emerald Isle arson. A Marine stationed at Camp Lejune was charged with second degree arson, felon breaking and entering, and felony cruelty to animals after he set fire to his father-in-law's Emerald Isle home. Estimated damage to the home was \$200,000. Source: http://www.wnct.com/story/21424251/lejeune-marine-charged-with-emerald-isle-arson
- 44. February 28, Newark Star-Ledger (New Jersey) 100 still evacuated in East Orange nearly 24 hours after gas leak was discovered. Utility personnel continued looking into the cause of a fire which led to dozens of residents being evacuated from a three-block area and multiple homes and businesses losing electrical service after a severe gas leak led to a house fire and the discovery of high natural gas levels in multiple nearby homes. The fire which burned for ten hours before being extinguished caused injuries to two firefighters and two residents.

 Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2013/02/100_still_evacuated_as_east_or.html

45. February 27, Associated Press – (Pennsylvania) 185K spyware images sent to Aaron's computers. A class-action lawsuit including, 800 customers, against Aaron's Inc. claim spyware was installed on computers secretly sending more than 185,000 emails inclusive of webcam images of a private and personal nature. The company claims certain independent franchises used the spyware and not those operated by Aaron's Inc.

Source: http://www.necn.com/02/27/13/185K-spyware-images-sent-to-Aarons-compu/landing_scitech.html?&apID=ae24a3a40ceb40cfb289385d3a7214d4

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

46. February 28, Associated Press – (Louisiana) Controlled burns close 2 federal wilderness areas. Both the Lacassine Wildlife Refuge and the Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area of the Kisatchie National Forest were closed by federal authorities for controlled burns totaling over 10,000 acres in order to help eliminate factors that feed real wildfires as well as aiding in the prevention of spreading of invasive species and native insect pests.

Source: http://www.timesunion.com/news/science/article/Controlled-burns-close-2-federal-wilderness-areas-4315442.php

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